

**ANTIBIOTIC DEVELOPMENT AND USE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Promoting the Development of Antibiotics and Ensuring Judicious Use in Humans.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA; and Robin Robinson, Director, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority; and public witnesses.

**WOMEN IN POLITICS AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Women as Agents of Change: Advancing the Role of Women in Politics and Civil Society. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Melanne Verveer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Office of Global Women's Issues; and Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs; Swanee Hunt, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria; and public witnesses.

**CONVICTS REENTERING SOCIETY BARRIERS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions: Barriers to Reentry for the Formerly Incarcerated. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**INTERIOR TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4347, Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Laura Davis, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “Strengthening the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.” Testimony was heard from Representative Larson, a member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; and the following officials of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration: David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States; and Chairwoman of the Commission; and Kathleen M. Williams, Executive Director of the Commission.

**OIL SPILL CLEANUP TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Deluge of Oil Highlights Research and Technology Needs for Effective Cleanup of Oil Spills. Testimony was heard from Douglas Helton, Incident Operations Coordinator, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; CAPT Anthony Lloyd, USCG, Chief, Office of Incident Management and Preparedness, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Sharon Buffington, Chief, Engineering and Research Branch, Offshore Energy, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Albert Venosa, Director, Land Remediation and Pollution Control Division, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

**OIL SPILL LIABILITY/FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on Liability and Financial Responsibility for Oil Spills under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and Related Statutes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Holt, Castor of Florida, and Jackson Lee of Texas; Tom Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Bob Abbey, Acting Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**VA INSPECTOR GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General's Open Recommendations: Are We Fixing the Problems? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Deputy Inspector General, and Robert A. Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration.

**BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****JOURNALISTS AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA IN OSCE REGION**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the significant challenges faced by journalists and independent